

Agricultural Prices

Utah: Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-June 2003, compared with May 2003, were up for barley, and down for alfalfa hay and other hay, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for May 2003 was \$97.00 per cwt, up \$26.00 from June 2002. The May 2003 sheep price, at \$26.00 was \$4.00 above June 2002.

Barley, at \$2.59 per bushel, was up 5 cents from the previous month's price and 25 cents above last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$93.00 per ton, down \$6.00 from last month and \$3.00 below last year. Other hay, at \$72.00 per ton, was \$4.00 lower than last month but \$15.00 higher than June 2002.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June is 106, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the May Index. Since last month, all commodity group indexes are unchanged or lower except for the fruits and nuts, meat animals, and poultry and eggs commodity groups. Lower prices for cantaloupes, onions, peaches, and strawberries offset higher prices for tomatoes, broilers, hogs, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 8 points (8.2 percent) from June 2002. Higher prices for cattle, lettuce, hogs, and broilers more than offset lower prices for peaches, potatoes, sweet corn, and broccoli.

The Food Commodities Index, at 105, is unchanged from May but 9 points (9.4 percent) above June last year.

Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003 ¹	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003 ¹
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	71.00	97.00	(²)	72.90	97.50	(²)
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	22.00	26.00	(²)	23.50	31.10	(²)
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.34	2.54	2.59	2.09	2.91	2.77
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	96.00	99.00	93.00	102.00	102.00	98.90
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	57.00	76.00	72.00	73.20	87.30	79.20

¹ Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

² June data will be published next month.